

Springdale Fire Department

Policy & Procedures Manual

Volume 1 – Administration

Section 101 – Health and Wellness

101.11 – SFD Chaplain Program

The SFD Chaplain Program provides religious based support and counseling when requested to SFD Personnel, their families, and civilians within the City of Springdale. Services also include rehabilitation assistance as well as crisis assistance in the form of physical, emotional, and spiritual support.

The SFD Senior Chaplain will attempt to visit with each Shift Commander on a monthly basis and visit each fire station as often as possible. SFD Personnel may request individual assistance from a SFD Chaplain by making direct contact with the senior chaplain. Additionally, SFD Chaplains are available to assist SFD Personnel with funeral related needs and requests.

SFD Chaplains are authorized to respond to major fires, rescues, or disasters. SFD Chaplains may be requested to respond to any emergency scene or incident by the Incident Commander or a Chief Officer on the scene. SFD Chaplains are subject to proper scene integrity and will report to the Incident Commander upon arriving at an emergency scene. SFD Chaplains will not release any information to the news media, insurance agencies, or attorneys unless requested to do so by the Incident Commander or a Chief Officer on the scene. SFD Chaplains will keep all discussions confidential.

The SFD Senior Chaplain may recommend assistant chaplains be appointed by the Fire Chief to assure an adequate number of chaplains are available at any time.

The SFD Chaplains are identified below with contact information.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Ralph Gresham, Senior Chaplain | Home Phone, 361-9613 | Cell Phone, 263-2415 |
| Eddie Davis, Chaplain | Home Phone, 751-9383 | Cell Phone, 502-2175 |
| Charles Walden, Chaplain | Home Phone, 756-2830 | Cell Phone, 530-5054 |